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INTERGRATION OF ULTRALOW-K
DIELECTRICS WITH IMPROVED
RELIABILITY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.